



## BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee held following the Special Community Development Committee meeting on Tuesday 10 September 2024 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** A Cartie (Chair), D Carr, C Jones, K Nisbet, J R Potts, J Reid, M Richardson and S Stanger.

**Officers:** M Wilkinson, Town Clerk, E Brown, Principal Officer, F Hotak, Committee and Research Officer.

**Also Present:**

**Members of the Public – 0**

**Invited Guest(s) 0**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br><br>Cllr A Barrass, and Cllr W Taylor   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations</b><br>None.  |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Minutes of the previous Community Funding Sub-Committee</b><br><br>The minutes of the 11 June 2024 Committee meeting were agreed at the Full Council meeting held 18 July 2024.    |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Actions arising from the Previous Minutes</b><br><br>None.   |
| <b>5</b> | <b>To consider new Applications listed below.</b><br><br>1. Blossoming Communities<br>2. Community Food and Friendship Blyth<br>3. Headway Arts<br>4. Leading Link<br>5. Loud Art CIC |

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|           | <p>6. SENRUG (The South East Northumberland Rail User Group)</p> <p>The Chairman outlined the above applications, noting the receipt of supporting information. The applications were considered carefully by the members.</p>  |
| <b>6</b>  | <p><b>Blyth Food Bank Review</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk gave a verbal presentation on his report regarding the Food Bank.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a further donation of £5,000 be made to Blyth Food Bank and that a further review take place in six-month time.</p>   |
| <b>7</b>  | <p><b>Delegated Action</b></p> <p>There were no delegated actions since the previous meeting.</p>   |
| <b>8</b>  | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>This item is only for items of information to be given to Town Councillors and for items which either the Committee Chair or Town Clerk to be genuinely urgent.</p>   |
| <b>9</b>  | <p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next Meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 12 November 2024.</p>   |
| <b>10</b> | <p><b>Part II</b></p> <p>Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.</p>   |
|           | <p><b>Discussion and Decisions regarding Funding Applications</b></p> <p>Members further discussed the individual applications and the following grant payments were agreed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blossoming Communities was approved funding of £5,000 to contribute to the weekly wellbeing arts and crafts workshops that run at St Mary's Church Hall in Blyth.</li> </ol> |

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|  | <p>2. Community Food and Friendship Blyth was approved funding of £4,800 towards core costs (so that can continue to support the users, upskill them growing their confidence)</p> <p>3. Headway Arts was approved funding of £5,000 to contribute towards core costs to maintain a dynamic creative offer for the people of Blyth and to support the ongoing development of the building as a community arts and cultural centre.</p> <p>4. Leading Link was approved funding of £5,000. The funding will be used to focus on young people and their needs to gain experience, upskilling and training in line with the Young Leader Model.</p> <p>5. Loud Arts CIC was approved funding of £5,000 to deliver Community Voices Chair plus Makaton Sessions in the community.</p> <p>6. SENRUG (The South East Northumberland Rail User Group) was not approved funding as members did not feel it was appropriate to support campaign.</p> <p>A total of £24,800 was approved for the above-mentioned organisations and groups.</p> <p>The meetings closed at 7.10 pm</p> |
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The above Sub-Committee is delegated with the management and development of the council’s grant scheme and has the power to resolve any individual applications **without** recourse to the standing Committee.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FUNDING SUB COMMITTEE:**

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| W Taylor (Chair)      | K Nisbet     |
| A Cartie (Vice Chair) | J R Potts    |
| A Barrass             | J Reid       |
| D Carr                | M Richardson |
| C Jones               | S Stanger    |